



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mississippi State Department of Health
Mississippi Advisory Council in Occupational Therapy
Minutes
October 12, 2016

Members

Megan P. Ladner
Tina Melton
Robin Parish, Chair

Absent Members

Melanie Johnston, Secretary
Dr. Rebecca Barry

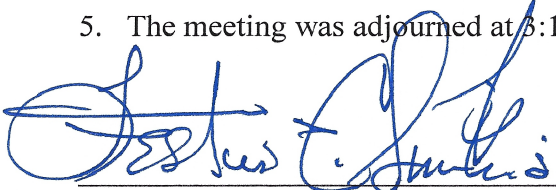
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F. Simkins
Y. Morrow
F. Wang
E. O'Neal

1. Mr. Simkins called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. By unanimous consent, January 22, 2016, minutes were approved by the Council.
3. Old Business
 - A. The Council discussed sending clarification concerning the number of COTAs that can be supervised by an OT, as well as, supervision requirements on the 7th visit. Ms. O'Neal will draft a statement explaining the requirements.
 - B. Ms. Morrow informed Council that the new Council members were approved at the July 2016 Board of Health Meeting.
4. New Business
 - A. The Council discussed using dry needling for occupational therapy. Dry needling is a modality that uses needles like acupuncture but it a physical agent modality used mostly as an adjunctive therapy with certified hand therapy. Mr. Kevin Park, OT provided information concerning courses he has taken in dry needling and the opinion of other states. The opinion of the other states is that the use of dry needling does not belong to one profession. Ms. Ladner read the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)'s opinion. She stated that AOTA has no Position Paper on dry needling but they consider it within the scope of practice of an OT. A motion was made by Ms. Parish and seconded by Ms. Melton to add to the OT Regulation qualifications to perform dry needling. The qualifications are to be researched by the Department's legal staff and reported back to the Council. The motion carried.

- B. Council members discussed accepting the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT)'s certification in lieu of continuing education certificates. A motion was made by Ms. Ladner and seconded by Ms. Parish to accept NBCOT's certification in lieu of individual continuing education. The motion carried.
- C. The Council tabled the discussion regarding telehealth until after the January legislative session.
- D. Licensure updates provided by Ms. Morrow.
- E. The council reviewed four continuing education courses: "Adult Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation" from Laborie, "Every Child Has Potential" from Mississippi Hearing Vision Project, "2016 MDS 3.0 Update for Long Term Care" from MS Chapter of the ACHACA, and "Steps to Success for Children with CVI" from OT 4 Kidz, LLC. A motion was made by Ms. Ladner and seconded by Ms. Parish to approved "Adult Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation" and "Every Child Has Potential" courses. The motion carried. A motion was made by Ms. Ladner and seconded by Ms. Melton to accept "2016 MDS 3.0 Update" and "Steps to Success for Children with CVI" courses. The motion carried.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


MSDH Representative


Council Secretary
Chair

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